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In re Application of:

WELLS et al.

Serial No.: 09/482,653

Filed: January 13, 2000

For: AUTOMATIC MULTIPLE-
DECANTING CENTRIFUGE AND
CONTAINER THEREFOR

Art Unit: 1723

Examiner: COOLEY, Charles E.

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.114 AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the office action of March 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

25 (Twice Amended) A container comprising:

[at least] a first sterile chamber having a first top portion, a first bottom portion and a first set of walls;

a second sterile chamber adjacent said first sterile chamber and having a second top portion adjacent said first top portion, a second bottom portion and a second set of walls;

a bridge connecting said first top portion of the first chamber and said second top portion of the second chamber, such that a liquid can be transferred from the first chamber to the second chamber while the container is positioned at a predetermined angle, and